GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Set up of Regional Office of ASI in Andhra Pradesh
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to expand the reach of Archeological Survey of India (ASI) along with equipping it with the required staff;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Andhra Pradesh is the only major State in India which does not have a circle of ASI;
(c) whether the Government is considering to set up the regional circle or a mini-circles in Amalapuram for the upkeep of historic monuments in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Archaeological Survey of India has established a new Circle in Andhra Pradesh, viz., Amravathi Circle; by bifurcation of its Hyderabad Circle vide Notification dated 08.06.2016. Both the Circles i.e., Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad, Telangana shall function from the existing premises at Hyderabad until the capital of Andhra Pradesh is shifted to Amaravathi.

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal.